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SUBJECT: GISCARD RECEIVES GREEK DEFENSE MINISTER

1. FRENCH NEWS SERVICES OCTOBER 2 REPORT
THAT PRESIDENT GISCARD AND FRENCH DEFENSE MINISTER
BOURGES RECEIVED GREEK DEFENSE MINISTER AVEROFF ON
OCTOBER 1.

2. SENIOR MEMBER OF GREEK EMBASSY IN PARIS WITH WHOM
WE DISCUSSED VISIT, SAID AVEROFF WAS IN PARIS IN FIRST
INSTANCE FOR PERSONAL REASONS. HE CLAIMED THAT HIS
CALLS AT ELYSEE AND AT DEFENSE MINISTRY WERE PARTLY
CONCERNED WITH "TECHNICALITIES," PRESUMABLY INVOLVING
DELIVERY OF FRENCH ARMS ORDERED BY GREECE, BUT WERE
LARGELY A COURTESY FOLLOWUP TO GISCARD'S VISIT TO
GREECE.

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3. COMMENT: GREEK EMBASSY EXPLANATION SOUNDS TO US
A BIT TOO SIMPLE. WE WILL THEREFORE SEEK OPPORTUNITIES
IN NEXT FEW DAYS TO EXPLORE BACKGROUND OF AVEROFF VISIT
IN SOMEWHAT GREATER DETAIL.
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